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SUBJ: MAMALONI DISCUSSES SELF GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE
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1. CHIEF MINISTER OF BSIP, SOLOMON MAMALONI, MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT AS REPORTED IN JUNE 12, 1975, ISSUE OF THE SOLOMON NEWS DRUM WHICH PRESENTS FURTHER DETAILS ON UPCOMING SELF GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE ISSUES. HE SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT A TIMETABLE FOR A "RUN-UP" TO SELF GOVERNMENT AND EVENTUALLY, INDEPENDENCE BE AGREED ON BY THE BRITISH AND SOLOMONS GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD GIVE THE SOLOMONS GOVERNMENT SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSULT THE PEOPLE ON SELF GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE. MAMALONI SAID HE HOPED NOVEMBER 1 WOULD INTRODUCE SELF GOVERNMENT, BUT DECEMBER 31 AT THE LATEST.

2. MAMALONI SAID A CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE APPOINTED IN AUGUST TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROVISIONS OF AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION. THE COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT ITS
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RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN

APRIL 1976 FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WILL THEN BE CONVENED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON TO DRAW UP AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND TO FIX A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

3. MAMALONI BELIEVES THAT UNLESS UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTED THE TIMETABLE, THE SOLOMONS WOULD BE SELF GOVERNING BY THE END OF THIS YEAR UNDER THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION, BUT THE CONSTITUTION WOULD NEED AMENDING. UNDER AN AMENDED CONSTITUTION, HE, AS CHIEF MINISTER, WOULD PRESIDE OVER THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE GOVERNOR WILL ACT ON THE COUNCIL'S ADVICE.

4. THE GOVERNOR WILL RETAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLICE, PUBLIC SERVICE, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE. SIX MONTHS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL TAKE OVER EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE. OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLICE WILL, ACCORDING TO MAMALONI, REMAIN WITH THE GOVERNOR UNTIL INDEPENDENCE.

5. THE ONE MAJOR POINT OF CONFLICT MAMALONI SAID BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND HIS GOVERNMENT WAS THE QUESTION OF ELECTIONS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. HIS GOVERNMENT FELT THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE (MADE UP OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, LOCAL COUNCIL PRESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL AND CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES) SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER GENERAL ELECTIONS BE HELD BEFORE OR AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

6. SEE REFTEL FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.
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